approach to that group, in the increased extent of the sternum, in the union and consolidation of the ribs throughout their whole length, and in the marginal bones. Besides these obvious affinities in the osseous structure, the power which the animal possesses of retracting and concealing its posterior extremities constitutes another marked approach to the group in question. Here, then, it is met by the genus *Chelys*, in which we observe the prominent, cylindrical and soft rostrum, the long flexile neck, the inability to enter wholly within the shell, and other characters which in a higher degree characterize the *Trionychidæ*.

Of this species I have received several specimens from India, all of which had been long preserved in spirits; and it is probable that the colour of the specimen from which the present figures were taken was considerably changed.